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PATENT

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| Applicant: | Inching Chen et al. | Examiner: David Martinez |
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| Customer Number: | 21186 | |

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 11, 2006, the Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, claims 12-16 (styled as "Species 3" in the Office Action), as well as new claims 29-40 which depend from them. The Applicant therefore reserves the right, if necessary, to introduce the non-elected claims 1-11 and 17-28 into this Application, or into one or more divisional applications at a later date.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Restriction Requirement, thereby moving the deadline for response from September 11, 2006 to October 11, 2006.

Please amend the Application as follows: